



# COMMANDO

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## Making move: \$8 million facility opens to extend 16th SOS capabilities

by Senior Airman Heidi Davis  
COMMANDO staff

After more than a year of planning and construction, the doors of the new 16th Special Operations Squadron were opened during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 13.

The new two-story, \$8 million building, located between the 16th Fuels Management and Aerospace Ground Equipment building on the west side of the flightline, will house "about 180 Spectre Airmen, flight planning and life support materials, along with all support functions necessary to run a flying operational squadron," said Senior Master Sgt. Doug Massingill, 16th SOS

operations superintendent.

The increased space and upgraded facilities allow Airmen to better plan and execute the mission, while giving them greater flexibility to meet high operations tempo demands, Sergeant Massingill said.

"We're using the same systems, but with more room to operate," said 1st Lt. Brian Hasbrouck, 16th Operations Support Squadron intelligence. "Also, organizational integration upgrades have been made for better flow in the squadron. But, the best part is that 'new car smell'."

New sections have been created for aircrew life support, tactics and plan-

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Photograph by Airman 1st Class Danielle Morrow

### There's no place like home

Maj. Todd Fogle, 16th Special Operations Wing Plans and Programs, hugs his children after coming home from a deployment with the 15th Special Operations Squadron. The 15th SOS reconstituted Tuesday after more than four years of continuous deployments. Check out the Jan. 27 issue of the *COMMANDO* for the full article.



Senior Airmen Christopher Thiel and Jennifer Hardy, 16th Special Operations Squadron Aircrew Life Support, inspect helmets in the expanded equipment room of the new 16th SOS building Thursday.

**News** Hurlburt Field officer found dead at his home Tuesday

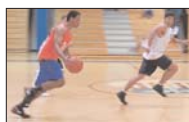
**News** Moody Air Force Base pararescue-men train on different aircraft at Hurlburt Field

**Feature**



Phase two exercise hits Hurlburt Field

**Sports**



16th CS defeats 23rd STS, 42-40

**Wingman**

0-0-1-3  
0 Drinks under 21  
0 DUIs  
1 Drink an hour  
3 Drinks a night

**Weather**

	High	Low
Today	65	48
Sat.	68	62
Sun.	67	59

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# Measure of leader is result of mentoring

by Senior Master Sgt.  
David Ceurvels and Master Sgt.  
David McLane  
16th MSG

How do you prepare your subordinates to be the next generation of leaders?

You'll have great success if you promote and prepare your troops for professional military education, coupled with mentoring and training them and providing them the lessons learned from your experiences.

One of the first topics for your mentoring sessions should include PME.

Some of us think of PME as Airman Leadership School, NCO Academy and Senior NCO Academy, but PME also includes the First Term Airmen's Center, known as the Commando Pride Airmen's Center here, and leadership enhancement and development seminars.

The first seed of Air Commando leadership is planted in Airmen at CPAC. You should properly prepare

## Aimpoint

### Become the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders

your troops for CPAC by encouraging them to listen and learn all they can. Inspect their uniforms to ensure they present a professional military image.

Check on them periodically during the course and attend their graduation. They will take your lead, and the enthusiasm you show will go a long way. After graduation from CPAC, your troops will have three good years of mentoring and training before they're sent to ALS.

Know the background and needs of your troops while maintaining a professional relationship. Provide quality and honest feedbacks – set measurable and attainable standards.

Train them to accomplish the job

with perfection in a timely manner. Don't forget to include your experiences as a boss and assign your troops some responsibility and delegate appropriately.

Take your mentoring session out on the track and run with you troops. Your mentoring and training will prepare your troops to succeed in ALS.

According to the results of 600 student observations over two years, there's a trend with mentored troops. Mentored troops are more upbeat and want to attend ALS.

They want to learn all the tools needed to make them effective supervisors. We noticed mentored troops are more disciplined, strictly adhere to instructions and exceed the standards.

It comes full circle – once they used to be the young, ambitious troops learning from their mentors and now they have become the seasoned leader. It's now their responsibility to mentor and shape the minds of young enlisted personnel.

## Open Line

### Question:

I work at the commissary. If someone is waiting to make a left-hand turn onto Independence Blvd. or go straight on Loop Road, people have to wait some time to make a right-hand turn onto Independence Blvd.

What is the likelihood of getting a right-hand turn lane added? It looks like there's enough room to make one already.

All Open Lines, questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community, are seen by the 16th Special Operations Wing commander.

### Response from the 16th Mission Support Group:

The proposed Loop Road turn lane upgrade has been on the books for many years. Funding improvements to the fastest growing base in the continental United States must follow mission priorities. We have funds identified now, and the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron has scheduled construction to begin in late this month.

To submit an Open Line, call 884-OPEN (6736) or e-mail your concerns to [commando@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:commando@hurlburt.af.mil) with your name, unit and telephone number. Open Lines of general interest

will be printed in the COMMANDO. Others will be answered by a phone call. Remember, the quickest, most efficient way to solve a problem is to contact the organization directly.

# ORI preparation

## What to do if your M-16A2 rifle or M-9 pistol fails

### M-16A2 procedures:

- Slap upward on bottom of magazine to ensure magazine is fully seated
- Pull charging handle to rear
- Observe to see if a round or cartridge casing was ejected and chamber/receiver area are clear (proceed to remedial action if chamber isn't clear)
- Release charging handle (allow bolt to slam forward)
- Tap forward assist button to ensure bolt is fully forward

### -Shoot

M-16A2 remedial action (if above actions don't correct the problem, or an obstruction is found):

- Clear weapon
- Check again for jammed cartridge case. (Note: Inspect closely, a ruptured cartridge case can be difficult to see
- If cartridge case is detected, use a cleaning rod to remove
- Reload weapon
- Select "semi"
- Fire

M-9 procedures:

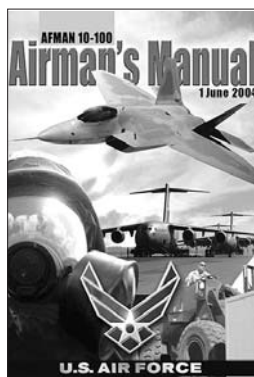
- Ensure docking/safety

lever is in the fire position (up)

- Smack upward on bottom of magazine to ensure it's fully seated
- Rack the slide to the rear and release
- Fire

M-9 remedial action (if above actions don't correct the problem):

- Remove magazine
- Eject chambered round
- Insert new magazine
- Rack slide to rear and release to chamber new round
- Attempt to fire
- If pistol still doesn't fire,



Courtesy photo

replace ammunition

For future use on M-16A2 and M-9 procedures, see the Airman's Manual Critical Information Checklist on Pages 24-25.

## 16th SOW Aimpoints

- Fight and win
- Take best care of our wingmen, families and resources
- Become the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders

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Other questions will be answered by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process. However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give the commander a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to [commando@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:commando@hurlburt.af.mil).

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## DUI Tracker

Jan. 13-19: 1 DUI

This year: 2

DUIs for 2005: 31

Last DUI: 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Jan. 15

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...107  
16th MXG...4

16th MSG...18  
16th MDG...386

Totals are current as of Jan. 19.

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Potential saves this year: 39

## Billing date changes for government travel card

by Megan Orton  
AETC Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – Air Force government travel card billing cycles for individually billed accounts will begin closing out the 22nd of each month beginning in March.

The current cycle ends the third day of every month, so cardholders will experience a long cycle Feb. 3 – March 22.

Bank of America will have customer service representatives available and prepared to handle all calls relating to the cycle date change.

Cardholders can now register online for electronic account government ledger system user IDs and passwords using information found on GTC statements.

This system allows cardholders to view current transactions and previous statement activity and maintain account information online.

To register, visit [www.gcsuthd.com](http://www.gcsuthd.com).

### Government travel card tidbits

**Cycle deadline**  
Government travel card billing cycle for individually billed accounts will begin closing out the 22nd of each month beginning in March.

**GTC registration**  
To register GTCs online, visit [www.gcsuthd.bankofamerica.com/eagls\\_selfregistration/selfreg.aspx](http://www.gcsuthd.bankofamerica.com/eagls_selfregistration/selfreg.aspx)

[bankofamerica.com/eagls\\_selfregistration/selfreg.aspx](http://bankofamerica.com/eagls_selfregistration/selfreg.aspx).

EAGLS user IDs and passwords will be mailed to the address associated with your GTC.

For more information, call the EAGLS technical help desk at (800) 472-1424.

## Major found dead at home

by Master Sgt. Kevin Owen  
Contributor

A major from the 19th Special Operations Squadron died Tuesday at his residence in Navarre.

Maj. Amadeo Garza, 41, was a flight commander and AC-130U Gunship fire control officer.

Santa Rosa County Sheriff's deputies responded to the mid-morning call to emergency services. He was pronounced dead by medical personnel at 10:26 a.m. No further details were available at press time.

Major Garza was well liked by his coworkers and fellow crewmembers and will be fondly remembered. His death is a shock to the squadron.

"In the year that Major Garza had been assigned to the 19th (SOS), I had known him to be a professional

**"He will be missed by everyone who knew him."**

**Lt. Col. Donald Timpson,**  
19th SOS director of operations



Courtesy photograph  
**Maj. Amadeo Garza, 19th Special Operations Squadron, serves in a deployed location.**

instructor and aviator who was admired and respected by everyone with which he worked and flew," said Lt. Col. Donald Timpson, 19th SOS director of operations. "He will be missed by everyone who knew him."

Maj. Garza is survived by his wife, Genevieve, two daughters, Lilliana, 5, and Adriana, 4, and son, Matthew, 2.

A memorial service for Major Garza will be held at noon today in the base chapel.

Anyone person or persons who have a claim for or against the estate of Major Garza should contact Maj. Russell Sullivan at 881-3978 or via e-mail at [russell.sullivan@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:russell.sullivan@hurlburt.af.mil).

## AFSOC officer convicted of negligence during court martial

by Master Sgt. Kevin Owen  
Contributor

An officer assigned to Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command was convicted of negligence Jan. 13 after failing to appropriately file two temporary duty travel vouchers.

A panel of seven officers heard the case of Maj. Mark Beres during a five-day trial.

Major Beres had originally been charged with a

myriad of crimes including willful dereliction of duty for failing to make accurate entries in the Defense Travel System, a violation of Uniform Code of Military Justice Article 92.

After several hours of deliberation, Major Beres was convicted on only one lesser included charge of negligently failing to file his travel vouchers correctly.

Major Beres was sentenced to forfeiture of \$350 a month for three months.

"This case involved an incredible amount of documentary evidence," said Capt. Karl Sandell, 16th Special Operations Wing Legal Office attorney who tried the case. "It was clear that the travel vouchers were inaccurate; however, the verdict hinged on whether the panel felt Maj. Beres actions were intentional or negligent.

"They ultimately decided they were negligent and justice was served," Captain Sandell continued.

## Hurlburt wins 14 of 23 AFSOC-level finance management awards

Courtesy of AFSOC Public Affairs

The Air Force Special Operations Command Financial Management Awards recognize individuals and teams for excellence and ingenuity in financial management.

AFSOC recognizes the following Hurlburt Field individual award winners:

**Financial Management and Comptroller of the Year**  
Major Lance Whitfill, 16th Comptroller Squadron  
**Financial Analysis Civilian of the Year (GS-11 & above)**

Beverly Lannaman, 16th CPTS  
**Financial Services Officer of the Year**  
1st Lt. Calvin Henderson, Jr., 16th CPTS  
**Financial Services Civilian of the Year (GS-10 & below)**  
Jennifer Perkins, 16th CPTS  
**Financial Management Senior NCO of the Year**  
Master Sgt. Christopher Ryan, 16th CPTS  
**Financial Management NCO of the Year**  
Staff Sgt. Kamisha Whitten, 16th CPTS  
**Financial Management Airman of**

**the Year**  
Airman 1st Class Gavin Grubofski, 16th CPTS  
**Non Appropriated Funds Financial Analyst of the Year (major command level)**  
Lori Tetla, Headquarters AFSOC  
**Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller (officer)**  
Capt. Michael Bennett, HQ AFSOC  
**Outstanding Contribution to Financial Management and Comptroller (airman)**  
Master Sgt. Judy Griffiths, HQ AFSOC  
**Outstanding Contribution to**

**Financial Management and Comptroller (civilian)**  
Brian Delaney, HQ AFSOC  
**Resource Advisor of the Year (MAJ-COM level)**  
Debora Tran, HQ AFSOC  
AFSOC recognizes the following Hurlburt Field organizations with team awards:  
**Financial Analysis Office of the Year**  
16th CPTS  
**Special Acts and Services Award**  
HQ AFSOC

*Editor's Note: The AFSOC winners will be submitted for Air Force level awards.*

# 38th RQS trains with 6th, 20th SOS

by 1st Lt. Dustin Hart  
347th Rescue Wing Public Affairs

## MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. –

The World War II-era DC-3 aircraft crept slowly through the sky toward the drop zone, its belly full of anxious Airborne troops preparing for their upcoming jump. While this scenario copies many of the Airborne drops during WWII, this DC-3 mission actually occurred recently at Hurlburt Field.

Instead of holding Allied troops ready to jump over Axis territory, the aircraft contained pararescuemen and combat rescue officers from the 38th Rescue Squadron.

A first for the squadron, nine PJs and two CROs from Moody spent more than a week in December at Hurlburt, training with the 6th and 20th special operations squadrons on the DC-3, UH-1 Huey, MH-53 PAVE LOW and the Russian MI-8 helicopter.

The 6th SOS instructs foreign air forces in a multitude of foreign aircraft.

"The overall goal for this training is to ensure our PJs and CROs are capable of employing out of any U.S. and coalition aircraft to execute personnel recovery operations," said Capt. Jose Cabrera, 38th RQS CRO who participated in the training.

Occasionally, rescue units deploy to areas where the traditional platforms, the HH-60G Pave Hawk and HC-130 P/N, aren't present, Captain Cabrera said.

When this is the case, the PJs and CROs must be able to perform their mission on the aircraft available. Currently, the PJs deployed in relief support of the Pakistan earthquake are operating out of the MI-8 and MH-53.

To help prepare for these types of missions, the Airmen conducted a variety of training operations in the different aircraft. This included insertion and extraction exercises, using ropes and rope ladders and learning how to call in fire support from the aircraft.

The Airmen also practiced using hoists and rope ladders on MH-53 and UH-1 helicopters to simulate bringing people out of the water.

In addition, they used the MH-53 to practice "Soft Duck" insertion. During this training, the large helicopter hovers over the water, while the PJs and CROs throw out an inflated Zodiac boat and jump out after it. On a typical HH-60 mission, the Zodiac is inflated after the PJs hit the water.

By conducting the familiarization



Courtesy photographs

**Tech. Sgt. Robert Sanders, pararescueman from the 38th Rescue Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., prepares to jump out of a DC-3 aircraft here.**

training, the Airmen got a chance to see the different features of each aircraft, said Senior Airman Charles McKinney, 38th RQS PJ.

"We know how to work with everything in the HH-60 and HC-130," said Airman McKinney. "Every aircraft has its own regulations and

equipment. For example, when you jump out of the HH-60, you are clear out the door.

"But, when jumping from a Huey, you have to watch out for skids," Airman McKinney said. "The skids can also come in handy, though. If you are climbing up a rope, the skids serve as an extra step."

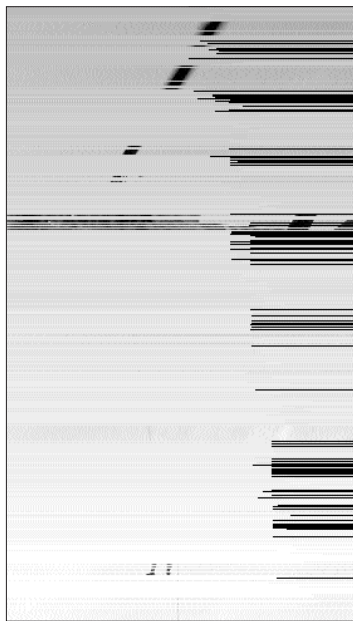
Although the Huey's skids required the Airmen's constant attention, Airman McKinney said the toughest part of the training was the DC-3 jumps.

"For one of the missions, we jumped in high winds," he said. "It was extremely difficult to land, but in real world operations, the mission isn't going to stop due to bad weather."

In addition to the windy conditions, the DC-3 also presented a completely different jumping platform from the HC-130, Airman McKinney said.

Not all the Airmen's training was conducted on aircraft. From bunkers surrounding a range filled with simulated enemy targets, the Airmen practiced calling in aircraft, including the MH-53 and AC-130, for fire support.

"Operating out of a foreign aircraft is something I never really thought of before," Airman McKinney said. "But, if we need to go out and use a MI-8 or Huey, it makes a lot of sense to be familiar with the aircraft and have experience working on it."



**A 38th RQS pararescueman repels down a rope from a UH-1 Huey.**



Navy photograph by Airman Javier Capella

**Navy Seaman Keith Ketterer uses his binoculars to search the horizon for any air or surface contacts while standing lookout watch aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt during flight operations in the Persian Gulf Jan. 12.**

## Brothers In Arms

### Army

**WASHINGTON** – Two U.S.

Army pilots died Jan. 13 when their OH-58D Kiowa helicopter went down in Mosul, Iraq, just outside of Forward Operating Base Courage, military officials in Baghdad reported. Officials said the aircraft was conducting a combat air patrol with another OH-58D in an area where hostile fire was reported shortly before it went down.

### Marines

**RAMADI, Iraq** – Iraqi soldiers

and U.S. Marines with 2nd Platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, discovered 11 weapons caches Saturday near Barwanah, Iraq, military officials at Camp Blue Diamond here reported Monday. The caches contained artillery and mortar rounds of various sizes, rockets, armor-piercing incendiary rounds and 1,900 pounds of propellant.

### Navy

**NAVAL STATION EVERETT,**

**Wash.** – The guided-missile frigate USS *Ingram* returned to its homeport of Everett, Wash., Monday after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

# 15th anniversary: 'Through the Eyes of a Commando' encompasses Task Force Normandy

by Dr. John Dabrowski  
16th SOW History Office

The "Through the Eyes of a Commando" living history lecture series continues at noon Jan. 27 in the Airmen Leadership School auditorium, when Col. Michael Kingsley, Fort Bragg's Aviation Tactics and Evaluation Group commander, will share his first-hand experiences during Operation Desert Storm.

The lecture comes a little more than one week after the 15th anniversary of Operation Desert Storm.

Colonel Kingsley, who was the commander of the 20th Special Operations Squadron

from 2001-2002, was an MH-53 PAVE LOW helicopter pilot during what's now referred to as "the first Gulf War."

During his lecture, Colonel Kingsley will focus primarily on Task Force Normandy – the first mission during the war.

At 2:20 a.m. Jan. 17, 1991, the Allied air offensive against Iraq began.

Four MH-53J PAVE LOW helicopters from the 20th SOS from the then 1st Special Operations Wing, led the way; they were followed by eight U.S. Army AH-64A Apache attack helicopters from the 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Brigade.

Earlier, the force's helicopters had lifted off from an outpost near the border.

Their objectives were the two Iraqi early-warning radar sites west of Baghdad and 700 kilometers inside Iraqi territory.

These sites had to be destroyed before Allied aircraft could attack Iraqi targets; by destroying these targets, a corridor would be opened permitting several follow-on packages of aircraft to carry out operations.

Nearly invisible in their subdued camouflage, Task Force Normandy helicopters crossed the border into Iraq ahead of the first U.S. and Allied warplanes, using the

PAVE LOW's state-of-the-art navigation and terrain-following systems to weave their way to their targets.

Timing and the element of surprise were essential to the success of the mission, and the helicopters hugged the ground as they crept under Iraqi radar.

The targets were electronically linked, and had to be destroyed at the same time. If the Iraqis detected either helicopters or the attacking force, a warning would be sent to Baghdad and anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles would be ready to take a toll on coalition aircraft.

The PAVE LOWs arrived

undetected and illuminated the radar sites with laser target designators.

The Apache's missiles didn't miss, and both targets were destroyed before they could raise the alarm. The electrical generators were the first to be hit, then the communications facilities and finally the radars themselves.

In less than two minutes, the Apaches fired 27 missiles, around 100 70mm rockets and some 4,000 rounds of 30mm ammunition.

At least one of the two radar stations was able to get off a warning, as anti-aircraft artillery fire immediately

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ning giving Airmen more room to operate.

Life support Airmen now have individual sections for checking equipment, instead of having all of the equipment crammed into one area. Also, a classified area was created for tactics, intelligence and planning personnel to gather.

In addition, the squadron has multiple rooms for storage, a large auditorium, 180 lockers and an awards hall-way to display the squadron's accomplishments.

"The men and women of the 16th SOS deserve this facility from which they can carry on their tradition of excellence," said Col. Mark Alsied, 16th Operations Group commander. "It's an absolutely world-class build-



Photograph by Senior Airman Heidi Davis

**The Publication/DOVP and Flight Planning Room lends a place for 16th SOS tactics and intelligence personnel to discuss missions in a classified area.**

ing for a world-class combat squadron."

As for the former 16th SOS building, it won't go to waste. Sergeant

Massingill said that the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Unit is scheduled to move in to enhance the unit's space and capabilities.

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filled the air over Baghdad, even though no aircraft flew overhead.

A code-word was flashed back to Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf at Central Command Headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and within minutes Baghdad received its first air raid of the war. Task Force Normandy turned for home, dodging two heat-seeking SA-7 surface-to-air missiles and small arms fire on its way out of the country.

All Hurlburt Field personnel who would like to hear more about the mission from a man who was in the air over Iraq that night are invited to attend the "Through the Eyes of a Commando" lecture.

For more information, call the wing history office at 884-6507.



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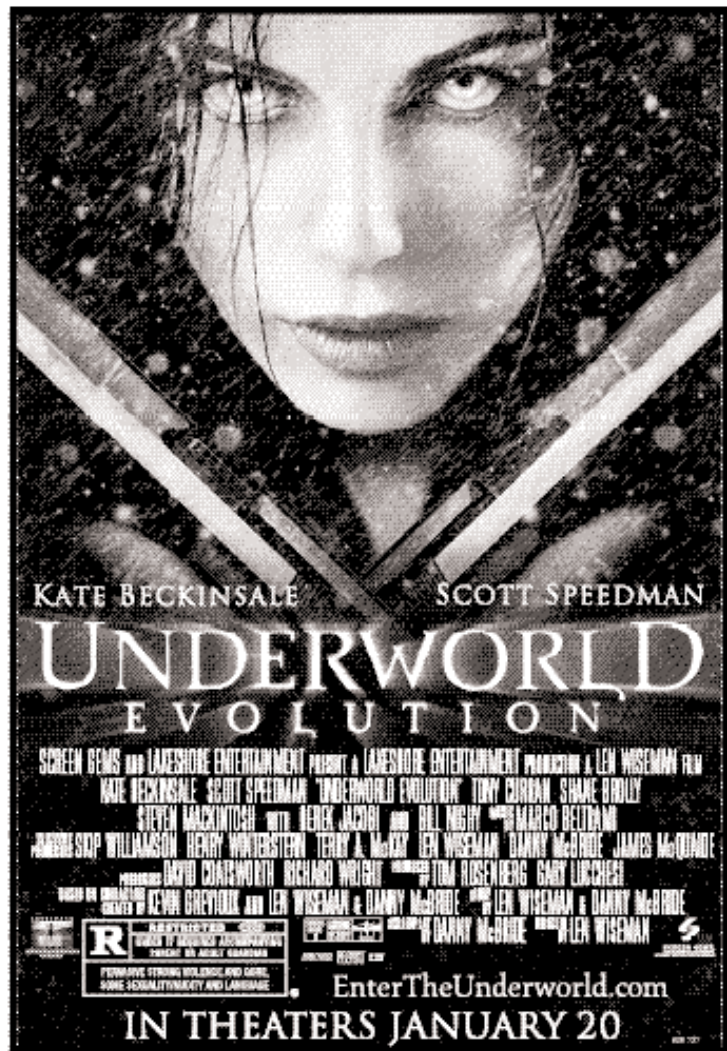
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## Quick Check Weekly Calendar

For more details of these events  
And others, check online:

www.hurlburt.af.mil/basewide/services

Today, Jan. 20

Rave Movie Night, Pre-Teens (age 9-12) 4 p.m., Youth Center, 884-6355.

High Five Poker Race, Check-in 6:30 a.m., Commando Fitness Center.

Saturday, Jan. 21

"Give Parents a Break" Program, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Info, 884-6664.

Boating Safety Course, Noon, Outdoor Recreation, 884-6939.  
75¢ Mania, 1-4 p.m., Hurlburt Lanes, 884-6941.

Bowl By Mail, Pre-Teens (ages 9-12): 4-5:30 p.m.

Bowl By Mail, Teens (ages 13-18): 5:30-7 p.m. Info, 884-7927/7938 after 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22

Football Frenzy, 11 a.m. Apps & Taps for \$10/person, J.R. Rockers, 884-6469.

Family Xtreme Bowling, Noon-4 p.m., Hurlburt Lanes, 884-6941.

Monday, Jan. 23

Football Frenzy, 5-8 p.m. Wings for 25¢ each, J.R. Rockers, 884-6469.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

\$2 Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. All-you-can-eat Tacos for \$2/person. \$2 drink specials, J.R. Rockers, 884-6469.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Soundside Dinner Buffet, 5:30 p.m., Soundside, 884-7507.

Airman's Night, 7 p.m., J.R. Rockers, 884-6469.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Library's Story Hour: Music, 10 a.m., Library, 884-6266.

Boating Safety Course, 2 p.m., Outdoor Recreation, 884-6939.

Hurlburt Field Teen Reading Group, 4:30 p.m., Library, 884-6266.

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## The Services' Buzz...

### High Five Poker Race

The "High Five Poker Race" will be held today at the Commando Fitness Center. Check-in time for this free event is 6:30 a.m. The race begins at 7 a.m. The male/female age categories are: 15-25; 26-35; 36-45; 46 and up. Awards will be presented for first/second/third in each age category, male/female overall, and master male/female overall. Also, participants with one of the top ten poker hands will receive a prize. For more details, call 884-4412.

### Hurlburt Field Teen Book Group

Teens, ages 13-17, are invited to join the Hurlburt Field Teen Book Group at the base library. Our first meeting is Thursday, Jan. 26 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Call the Library at 884-6266.

### Soundside Dinner Buffet

The Soundside's popular dinner buffet is Wednesday, Jan. 25. Featured menu items include carved prime rib au jus, BBQ Memphis ribs, chicken parmesan, chef's seafood selection, Caribbean vegetables, baked potato bar, assorted desserts and much more! Buffet starts at 5:30 p.m. Club member price is \$19.95 per couple (\$10 per single). Regular price is \$25.95 per couple (\$13 per single). Call weekdays for reservations at 884-7507 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



### Barber Shop Reopens

The barber shop located inside J.R. Rockers is now open under different management with a new décor and name, "Commando Cuts". Sean, Deborah and Mac are looking forward to providing exceptional barber shop services to the Hurlburt Field community. Stop by and enter a drawing for six months of free military haircuts (maximum of 10 haircuts by Aug. 3.). Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number remains 581-0115. Stay tuned for a grand opening on February 3.

### Rifle & Pistol Club Shooting Match

Hurlburt Field's Rifle and Pistol Club is hosting an "Any Rifle/Any Sights" shooting match on Saturday, Jan. 28. Registration starts at 9 a.m., and the match begins at 10 a.m. This is a free event open to Rifle and Pistol Club members and their bona fide guests. Competitors under the age of 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must bring their own safe and serviceable ammunition. Current NRA Highpower competition rules will apply. For more details, call Outdoor Recreation at 884-6939.

### Super Bowl Bash at J.R. Rockers

Get your tickets now for a Super Bowl bash to remember at J.R. Rockers on Sunday, Feb. 5 with a variety of food, beverages and free giveaways! Admission includes "Super Apps and Taps" with a star line up of grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, wings, pizza, and cold tap beverages. Advance ticket prices are \$10 for club members and \$12.50 for non-members. At the door, cost is \$15 per person. Advance ticket-holders also have first pick of reserved seating (approximately 200). Groups of 20 or more may request a VIP room on a first-come, first-serve basis. The tailgate party kicks off at 4 p.m. For more details, call J.R. Rockers at 884-6469.

### Ice Hockey Tickets

Pensacola Ice Pilots hockey tickets are still available at Hurlburt's TTT office. Last game is Jan. 28. Cost is \$14 per person. For more details, call 884-6795/5699, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.

Pontoon Boat Winter Special Florida winters are mild enough to still enjoy the waterways on the Emerald Coast. Now through April 1, Outdoor Recreation is offering pontoon boat rentals at half price as a daily winter special. For more details and boater safety requirements, call Outdoor Recreation at 884-6939.

### Hilton Sandestin Salutes the Military

Hurlburt's Information, Tickets and Travel office announces a military/DoD employee appreciation rate of \$89 plus tax per night for a beach-view room at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort and Spa. This special rate is offered now through Feb. 28, 2006 and subject to availability. A full breakfast buffet is also included. For reservations, call 884-5699/6795.

## Hurlburt Field teen book group



Thursday • Jan 26 • 4:30pm-5:30pm

Come meet with us (ages 13-17) in the Hurlburt Field Library to discuss what you are reading and maybe discover something interesting in a book someone else has read.

We are looking for teen readers who would like to talk with other teen readers. Come check us out.



For details, call 884-6266



## HURLBURT LANES



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Entry Deadline: Jan. 25



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For more information, call 884-6941

# Armored vests reflect changing enemy tactics

by **Gerry Gilmore**  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. military members serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other dangerous areas will soon receive revamped armored vests that provide more side protection, senior officials said Jan. 12.

The vest changes are designed to prove effective in protecting service members from shrapnel fragments, especially those who operate gun turrets atop vehicles, said Army Maj. Gen. Steven Speaks, Army's director of force development.

"What we're seeing, obviously, is continuing evolutions in the nature of the threat that we face," General Speaks said.

The shrapnel-producing improvised explosive devices and other terrorist weapons encountered by U.S. forces in Iraq have prompted changes in service members' armored vests, he said.

Improvements to armored vests are the result of continual adaptation in response to constantly changing enemy tactics, General Speaks said.

He countered media reports that the U.S. military is behind the power curve in providing appropriate force protection gear for troops deployed in the Global War on Terror.

"Those headlines entirely miss the point," General Speaks said. "The effort to

improve body armor has been a programmatic effort in the case of the Army that has gone on with great intensity for the last five months."

The enhanced vests are designed so infantrymen, truckers or troops in any military occupational specialty can use them including men and women, General Speaks said.

The improved vests should be fielded to service members sometime this spring, General Speaks said.

"The protection of Soldiers is our No. 1 mission," he said. "Continuous evolution of this protection is absolutely essential."

It's equally important to take service members' needs into account when designing force-protection equipment, said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, Army acquisitions chief.

For example, heavy, bulky armor can compromise a service member's need to move quickly during combat conditions, General Sorenson said, as well as tax physical endurance.

"We've (also) done the armoring of the vehicles," General Sorenson said.

The U.S. military, he added, also has developed and fielded electronic countermeasures to find and defeat IEDs.

"All these are generated to try to improve a Soldier's ability to be better protected with respect to force protection," General Sorenson said.

## Base tax center opens for business Monday

The base tax center opens at 8 a.m. Monday in building 90332 and is available to assist people with free tax preparations until April 15.

This service is on an appointment-only basis. Customers are asked to bring military I.D., all W-2 forms, social security cards of all dependents and family members being claimed, and if possible, last year's tax filings.

For an appointment, call 884-7542.

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## Optomap saves money, eyesight

Courtesy of 16th MDG

Optometry care at the 16th Medical Group is now safer, faster and more thorough with the purchase of a \$187,000 Optos machine in November.

Optomap is an invaluable tool which will allow more efficient and thorough exams.

The Optomap is a non-invasive, instantaneous, ultra-widefield digital scan of the retina using low-powered laser beams that translate the information into a digital image.

"The Optomap takes just minutes to perform; it's fast, painless and comfortable for patients of all ages," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Chapman, optometry technician.

"It captures a 200-degree view of your retina in only a

quarter of a second," she said.

This equipment takes a picture 15 times larger than the previous equipment. Furthermore, this is all accomplished without dilating the patient's eye.

The normal side effects of a dilated eye exam include photosensitivity and blurred near vision that typically last four to eight hours.

Since no drops are required, the patient can drive home, return to work, and aircrew members aren't DNIFed (Duty Not to Include Flying) for 24 hours. Mission operational capabilities are no longer impaired by using Optomap.

"The Optos can allow two to three more patients per optometrist to be seen daily at the optometry clinic and result in 2,316 more patient

visits annually. TRICARE can save \$135,968 in referral fees annually," said Maj. Benjamin Franklin, 16th MDG optometrist.

Additional savings attributed to the Optomap Retinal Exam are 60,000 man-hours saved from lost duty time due to dilation.

The Optomap can detect early signs of numerous diseases and abnormalities, such as hypertension, or high blood pressure, diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration and retinal detachments. These conditions can affect the eyesight and overall health.

In many instances, patients don't experience pain or any other symptoms.

In December, Maj. Robert Kesead, 16th MDG optometrist, diagnosed an active-duty



Photograph by Senior Airman Heidi Davis

Staff Sgt. Daniel Chapman, 16th Medical Operations Squadron, uses the Optomap to check the retinas of Senior Airman Christopher Estro, 16th MDOS, Wednesday in the optometry clinic at the 16th Medical Group.

patient with partially detached retinas in each eye. The patient had no symptoms and was totally unaware of the problem that could have resulted in vision loss or blindness.

The new computer technology allowed Major Kesead

a superior view of the retina, which resulted in a quick assessment and development of a treatment plan. This early diagnosis allowed for preventive surgery now, avoiding complicated surgery later with possible permanent blindness.

## GENERAL DYNAMICS

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\*This position requires U.S. Citizenship. All applicants selected will be subject to a government security investigation and must meet eligibility requirements for access to classified information.

Qualified applicants should send a resume stating position and reference number.

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Airmen from the 16th Security Forces Squadron (left) secure the area during the phase two exercise this week.

Tech. Sgt. Jeff Baron, (below) 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, secures his helmet during the exercise.



Photograph by Airman 1st Class Andy Kin

Photograph by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

## Phase II

### *Exercise tests wing's ability to operate downrange*

Elements of the 16th Special Operations Wing converged on the permanent exercise facility this week.

Dressed in chem suits, Airmen set up operations as they would if the wing deployed to another country in support of National Command Authority objectives.

This employment exercise, also called Phase II, is part of

a continuing series of mobility exercises focused on maintaining skills needed for real-world operations as well as preparing for the upcoming operational readiness inspection. This exercise focused on operating from an austere location, the ability to survive and operate in a chemical environment, and command and control of combat operations.

Staff Sgt. Brandon Copenhaver, (right) 16th Communications Squadron, creates an e-mail account Jan. 17 during the employment exercise. The 16th CS set up and maintained remote communications as if the unit had deployed to another country.



Photograph by Master Sgt. Stuart Camp



Photograph by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek



Photograph by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

Airmen use self aid and buddy care skills (left) during the exercise. Two Airmen reference the Airman's Manual (above) during the exercise.

# Military

## Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 20 in the Propulsion Flight Building to honor Tech. Sgt. Renee' Stabilla, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron. The uniform of the day is battle dress uniform.

## USAFSOS courses

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School will conduct a Contemporary Insurgency Warfare Course Jan. 30 – Feb. 3. Students will learn to comprehend the insurgent ideologies, strategies and cultural dynamics of intrastate conflict and doctrinal approaches to countering insurgent movements.

For more information, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or Capt. Laura Johnson at 884-6984, or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou>.

A Russia-Eurasia Asia Orientation Course will meet Feb. 6-10. This course is designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy to the Balkans, Russia or the former Soviet republics of central Asia. The course focuses on the cultural, historical, political, economic, social, religious and security dynamics of the Russia-Eurasia area.

For more information, call Maj. Danny Boyd at 884-1846, or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou>.

# Community

## Lecture series

The "Through the Eyes of a Commando" living history lecture will be at noon Jan. 27 in the Airman Leadership School auditorium. The speaker will be Col. Mike Kingsley, former 20th Special Operations Squadron commander, and the topic will be Operation Desert Storm: Task Force Normandy. For more information, call the 16th Special Operations Wing History Office at 884-6507.

## Awards banquets

The 16th Special Operations Wing Annual Awards Banquet will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Emerald Coast Convention Center on Okaloosa Island. Tickets are \$25 per person. The required uniform is mess dress or semi-formal. See your first sergeant for requirements and to purchase tickets.

Also, the 16th Security Forces Squadron Annual Awards Banquet will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at The Soundside. All current and former



Photograph by Airman Senior Airman Heidi Davis

## Good deed

Col. Paul Harmon (left), 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, passes a 16th SOW coin to Airman 1st Class Zach Gibson (right), 16th Medical Operations Squadron, Jan. 13 in the 16th Medical Group, as Col. Tim Jex, 16th MDG commander, looks on. Airman Gibson was rewarded for tracking down the owner of a lost wallet and ensuring the wallet's contents were in tact until it was returned.

16th SFS personnel and air policemen are encouraged to attend. Reservations must be made by Feb. 15. For more information, call 884-5104.

## Squadron briefing

The 6th Special Operations Squadron will conduct a squadron information briefing at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 9 in the base theater.

All military personnel interested in learning about the mission of this unit are invited to attend. For more information, call Capt. Alvin Scott at 884-8281.

## Prayer luncheon

The annual national prayer luncheon will be at noon Feb. 6 at The Soundside. The guest speaker will be Fisher DeBerry, Air Force Academy football coach. For more information, call the base chapel at 884-7795.

## AFJROTC

The Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps is opening 75 new units at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year. There will be 150 positions for retired or soon-to-be-retired officers and NCOs. Applicants must be retired from active-duty less than five years from the date of hire or have applied for retirement effective within six months. For more information, call (866) 235-7682, ext. 35275, DSN 493-5275 or 493-5300 or visit <http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFJROTC/instructors.asp>.

## Eglin spouses' club

The Eglin Officers Spouses' Club has scholarship applications available for high school seniors who are dependants of active-duty military assigned to Eglin Air Force Base.

Applications are at the Eglin library, base exchange, education center and family support center. The deadline is Feb. 27. For more information, e-mail [rhonda@vark013@aol.com](mailto:rhonda@vark013@aol.com).

## Valentine message

Send a Valentine's Day message to a loved one, friend or coworker via the COMMANDO. Messages will appear in the Feb. 10 issue. Please keep message under 25 words; submissions will be printed as space permits. The deadline is noon Feb. 3. E-mail messages to [commando@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:commando@hurlburt.af.mil). For more information, call 884-7464.

## Single parents

An informal lunchtime meeting for single parents will be held noon – 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in the family support center. Share the joys and challenges of being a single parent with others. Lunch will be provided. For reservations, call 884-5441.

## Moms, Pops & Tots

Moms, Pops & Tots is an informal format for parents and their children to meet with other families. Structured activities are planned on a monthly basis. Newborn to 2 years old meet 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays, and children ages 2-4 meet 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays in the family support center.

## Free child care

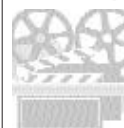
The next "Give Parents a Break" will be held 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday in the family support center. Free child care is provided for eligible families with children ages 6 months to 12 years old.

The program is for qualified spouses of deployed or remote active-duty members or for emergency situations and is sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society. For more information, call 884-5441.

## Pre-TAP

This mandatory briefing on benefit entitlements is for service members who are separating or retiring. Briefings are at 7:45 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the family support center. For an appointment, call 884-2654.

## At the movies



Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children age 6 and older. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

## Hurlburt Field – 884-7648

**Friday – Saw II (R)** After discovering the aftermath of a gruesome murder, Mason, a police detective, is convinced that Jigsaw is up to his ugly tricks again. The master criminal proves to be easy to capture, eight people have been locked away by Jigsaw, and they must torture their bodies and minds to achieve the terrible justice Jigsaw seeks.

**Saturday – Aeon Flux (PG-13)** In the 25th century, a rampaging virus has forced the remnants of humanity into the seclusion of a final city. There is great political conflict within, however, and this is the story of an acrobatic assassin, Aeon Flux, whose latest target is the government's top leader.

**Sunday – Just Friends (PG-13)** Chris is a self-ish, womanizing and successful music executive. Circumstances bring him back to his home town and fate reconnects him with the "just friends" girl of his dreams. Can one escape the clutches of the "friend zone"? Is it possible to go from "just friend" to boyfriend? Chris is about to find out the hard way.

## Eglin – 882-1066

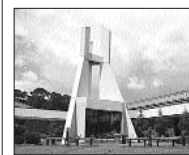
**Friday – In the Mix (PG-13)** When an African-American man accidentally saves a mob boss's life, his reward is a job protecting the don's daughter. Complications arise when the two begin to fall in love.

**Saturday – Ice Harvest (R)** In icebound Wichita, Kansas, it's Christmas Eve, and this year Charlie Arglist just might have something to celebrate. Charlie, an attorney for the sleazy businesses of Wichita, and his unsavory associate, the steely Vic Cavanaugh have just successfully embezzled \$2 million from Kansas City boss Bill Guerrard. But the real prize for Charlie is the stunning Renata, who runs the Sweet Cage strip club.

**Sunday – Syriaana (R)** Robert, a 21-year veteran of the CIA, spent his entire career investigating terrorists around the globe. As the dangers of terrorism increased, he watched as the CIA's funding was cut, politics overtook judgment, and warning signs were ignored. But the struggle becomes personal when an oil executive and his wife are faced with a family tragedy.

*(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)*

## Base chapel



**Catholic Mass**  
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.  
Confessions:  
Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request  
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
Religious Education:  
September – May

## Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)  
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)  
Religious Education: August – May  
Youth and Singles groups available

## Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center  
**Muslim Services (882-2111)**, Eglin Chapel Center  
Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.  
For more information, call 884-7795.

## Airmen Against Drunk Driving

For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844. Don't drink and drive.

## 24-hour Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline:

Hurlburt Field – 884-6322  
Air Force – (800) 538-8429  
Department of Defense – (800) 424-9098

## Veterans Affairs

A Veterans Affairs briefing will meet 7:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the base theater. For more information, call 884-5441.

## Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program seminar is a three-day workshop being held 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in the family support center.

The program helps separating and retiring military members and their families transition into the civilian sector. Facilitators cover career decisions, job applications, job interviews, economic trends, personal appearance, guidance and support for the transitioning member.

## Red Cross training

The American Red Cross is offering a free three-day CPR instructor training class to anyone who registers before Jan. 31. The class certifies individuals in CPR. People who sign up for the class must teach four CPR classes during the next year.

For more information, call Carlissa Stanley at 682-3356.

## NCOA

Hurlburt Field's Commando Non-commissioned Officers' Association, Chapter 44 and Auxiliary 248, will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 in J.R. Rockers All Ranks Destination Room. Each member is requested to attend and bring a friend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-2695 or Charles Glotzbach at 884-1771.

## Volunteers wanted

The Volunteer Resource Program Office has new office hours. Dee Dee Rodriguez can be reached 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Walk-in hours are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The VRP coordinator will assist you with all your volunteer needs. For more information, call Ms. Rodriguez at 884-1533.

## Flying solo

Flying Solo, a base chapel supported program, has activities geared towards singles. Enjoy monthly dorm fellowships, singles retreats, Bible studies, and off-base recreational trips at a reduced cost. Meetings are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays in the family support center. For more information, call John Rice at 803-6584.

## Classes

### AFIT

The enlisted-to-Air-Force-Institute of Technology program offers technical, master and senior master sergeants holding a bachelor's degree, the opportunity to earn a master's degree as a full-time student.

The last day to register is Feb. 27. For more information, call (800) 211-5097 or DSN 785-6234, ext. 3133 or visit <http://afit.edu/p/enlisted.cfm>.

### EPME

Air University announces a change to the Enlisted Professional Military Education Course 12 effective as of Jan. 1.

Students may re-test after three duty days under the new guidance. The enrollment period is 12 months, and tests must be taken in order with no more than one test per day. For more information or to schedule a test, call 884-6724 or visit the Hurlburt Field Education Services Office 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## CCAF

The deadline to apply for the spring Community College of the Air Force is Feb. 24. To graduate in spring, mail transcripts to:

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For more information, call 884-6724 or visit the Hurlburt Field Education Services Office 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.


## Southern Illinois University

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale has an office at Hurlburt Field and offers a Bachelor of Science in industrial technology. Complete the degree in 16 months. New classes are offered each month for the spring semester. For more information, call Paula Nance at 581-9840.

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## Comm sends message to 23rd STS

A 16th Communications Squadron player drives to the basket as David Simmons, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, number 34, tries to stop him during an intramural basketball game at the Aderholt Fitness Center Tuesday. The 16th CS defeated the 23rd STS, 42-40.



Photograph by Airman 1st Class James Dickens

Brian Lewis, 16th Services Squadron, evades a defender from the Eglin Air Force Base 96th Comptroller Squadron team Jan. 10 at the Aderholt Fitness Center field.

## SVS shreds Eglin comptrollers

by Airman 1st Class  
James Dickens  
Editor

The Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base intramural flag football league champions squared off Jan. 10 at the Aderholt Fitness Center field to decide exactly who is the best of the best.

The 16th Services Squadron dominated the 96th Comptroller Squadron with a 25-0 victory. Services finished

the intramural season at 11-2, and the Eglin comptrollers finished at 11-1.

The Eglin comptroller team started the game marching down the field into the red zone, before Brian Lewis, 16th SVS, intercepted the ball and ran it back for a touchdown.

This play set the tone for the rest of the game. Led by the quarterbacking of Lewis, the Commandos scored 25 unanswered points.

Nick Sato caught two touchdown passes, and Matt Ryan caught one.

They have an amazing quarterback, said Jody Harden, Eglin coach.

Both teams hope this game will pioneer future competition between Hurlburt Field and Eglin intramural league champions.

"It feels good to not only represent services, but to represent Hurlburt Field as a whole," said Lewis.

## In the bleachers

### Okaloosa men's baseball

Registration for the Okaloosa men's baseball league 18-and-over and 30-and-over divisions is at 3 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Twin Oaks baseball field in Niceville. The registration process will include the collection of league fees and a short baseball workout session. League fees are \$155 for 30 and over players and \$145 for under 30.

The games begin April 1 and are played locally in the Okaloosa area. For more information, call 864-7529 or visit [www.om-bl.org](http://www.om-bl.org).

### Youth baseball

Registration for youth baseball, ages 5-14 and girls' softball, ages 10-14, continues through Feb. 10. Cost is \$45 per player or \$90 per family.

All players must have a current physical and birth certificate on file at the youth center by March 10. For more information, call youth sports at 884-6355.

### Men's varsity baseball

Men's varsity baseball tryouts are at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 10-13 on the baseball fields behind the Aderholt Fitness Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Shepard at 884-3656 or Senior Master Sgt. Scott Bowen at 884-7421.

### Golf tournament

The men's varsity baseball team will hold a golf tournament at the Gator Lakes Golf Course Feb. 17. Check-in begins at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$40 per person. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Shepard at 884-3656 or Senior Master Sgt. Scott Bowen at 884-7421.

### Rifle, pistol club

Hurlburt Field's Rifle and Pistol Club is hosting an "Any Rifle/Any Sights" shooting match at 10 a.m. Jan. 28 at the rifle range. This is a free event open to RPC members and their guests. Participants must bring their own safe and serviceable ammunition. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 884-6949.

### Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society Emerald Coast Area is recruiting teams to participate in Relay For Life - a unique community event that allows individuals from all walks of life to join in the fight against cancer. This year's Navarre Relay For Life will take place on April 7-8 at Navarre High School. The kick-off celebration will be held on Tuesday. For more information, call 244-3813.

### Fit Eagle

The 16th Services Squadron is opening registration for Fit Eagle 2006 now. Team rosters are due by noon Feb. 23, with no exceptions. The competition takes place Feb. 24 at the Aderholt Fitness Center.

There can be up to two teams per squadron, with a limit of 30 teams on base. Teams must have three men, one over 30, one over 40 and one any age. Teams must also have two women on their team of any age. A legitimate attempt must be made to find females in your own squadron before recruiting from another squadron.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tamara Rosa at 884-6884.

## Sports standings

For more information on sports standings, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.

### Over 30 basketball

Team	W	L
AFSOC	7	2
MDG	6	2
RHS	6	2
MXG	5	2
LRS	6	4
CMS	4	3
505th 1	4	5
COMM	3	5
SVS	2	5
505th 2	1	7
39 IOS	0	7

MDG 2	3	5
COMM 2	2	5
AMXS 2	1	4
23rd STS	0	5

American League		
Team	W	L
LRS	4	1
MDG 1	3	1
CES	4	2
25 IOS	3	2
COMM 1	3	2
HMXS	2	3
OSS	2	3
CPTS		4

### Intramural basketball

National League		
Team	W	L
AFSOC	7	0
AMXS 1	5	1
RHS	2	1
EMS 1	4	3
DET 3	2	2
SVS	3	3

### Varsity basketball

Current as of Wednesday

Team	W	L
Moody	11	5
Tyndall	11	5
Robins	9	5
Eglin	8	6
Mayport	5	11
Macdill	5	11
Hurlburt Field	5	11